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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

September 19, 2021

25th Sunday Ordinary Time

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

School Year, Monday-Friday, 8:30 am-3:30 pm
Summer, Monday-Thursday, 9 am-1 pm

SCHOOLS OFFICE HOURS

School Year, Monday-Friday, 8 am-3:30 pm
Summer, Monday-Thursday, 9 am-1 pm

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, Vigil, 5 pm
Sunday, 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 am Spanish
No choirs at the Masses at the present time; a cantor will be available for the 5 pm and the 9:30 and 11:30 am Masses.

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday-Saturday, 8 am
During Lent, Monday and Friday, 12:10 pm
Federal Holidays, 9 am only (Presidents Day, MLK Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Columbus Day)

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Saturday, 8:30 am—10:00 am,
Fridays in Lent, 5:30 pm

ADORATION CHAPEL HOURS

Daily, 5 am—9 pm

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 9 am-5 pm
Closed Wednesday and Friday

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, 8:30, 11 am
Sunday, 1 pm, Spanish

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Thursday, 6 pm, Spanish

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Saturday, 9:30 am
Thursday, 6:30 pm



25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Whoever receives one child such as this in my name,
receives me; and whoever receives me,
receives not me but the One who sent me.”

MR 9:37



HOLY DAY SCHEDULE (HC AND ICC)

Mary, Mother of God, January 1
Assumption, August 15
All Saints' Day, November 1
Immaculate Conception, December 8
Christmas, December 25

Mass schedules for Holy Days of Obligation and other special days will be printed in the bulletin as each one draws near

RECEIVING THE SACRAMENTS

The seven Sacraments of the Church were instituted by Christ to confer grace.

Sacrament of Baptism. Call the office to register for Parent Pre-Baptismal Instruction. For adults seeking to enter the Church and be Baptized, contact our Religious Education Office.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession). Children in our religious education program and school are prepared for Confession at age seven as part of First Communion preparation.

Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. Children in our religious education program and school are prepared for First Communion at age seven. Adults seeking First Communion should contact our Religious Education Office. To request a visitation for Holy Communion to the Sick, contact our parish office.

Sacrament of Confirmation. Young people in our parish are prepared for reception of Confirmation in the ninth grade (age 14). Adults seeking Confirmation should contact our Religious Education Office.

Sacrament of Marriage. Couples planning for Marriage are to contact a parish priest or deacon one year in advance to set the wedding date and plan for pre-Cana instruction.

Sacrament of Holy Orders. If you believe you have, or someone you know has, a vocation to the Priesthood or Diaconate, please contact one of our parish priests.

Anointing of the Sick. For the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, which is administered by a Priest, a person or an immediate family member must make the request. Late night requests may not be able to be answered until the next day.

WILMINGTON MARIAN PILGRIMAGE

All tickets for the bus trip for pilgrimage on September 25, 2021, have been sold. For all participants with a ticket, the bus will leave from Holy Cross back parking lot at 7 am. You can leave your car in the church's back parking lot for the day.

The following guidelines must be followed:

- Masks must be worn on the bus at all times.
- The Basilica requires that all persons entering the Basilica of the National Shrine wear a mask at all times and recommends social distancing while inside the Basilica. These are based on guidelines specific to the District of Columbia and the Basilica.
- The Basilica has suspended cafeteria service until further notice. It is HIGHLY recommended that every pilgrim bring a bag lunch. We may eat on the grounds of the Basilica but, as per the Basilica's policy even outside of COVID, all food brought onto the Basilica grounds must be consumed outside.

Schedule includes 10:15 am Opening prayer, 10:30—Noon tours of the grounds, 12:30 pm lunch, 1:30 pm holy hour and confessions, 2:30 pm benediction and reposition of the Blessed Sacrament, and ends with Mass at 3 pm.

We will have some snacks and bottled water on the bus, but you must supply your own food otherwise. We are not stopping on the way home to eat. Any questions, call the Parish Office.

WEEKLY OFFERING (HC)

September 5, 2021

OFFERTORY TYPE	RECEIVED	BUDGETED/ NEEDED	DIFFERENCE
Offertory	\$22,663	\$26,000	(\$3,337)
YTD	\$249,581	\$257,300	(\$7,719)
Needs	\$1,567	\$1,480	\$87

WEEKLY OFFERING (IC)

Ending September 5, 2021

OFFERTORY TYPE	RECEIVED
Offertory	\$3,808
2nd	\$303

For Holy Cross, you can also Sign up for Faith Direct or call the office to leave your name and phone number if you wish to make your contribution by a credit card.

We appreciate your generosity to the church.

Dear Parishioners,

Though certainly not part of our Catholic faith, but rather a part of folklore, it is deemed that the "seventh son of a seventh son" is special person with special powers. It refers to a man who is the son of a man who is himself a seventh son. Now that's a pretty high bar, neither the Bradys nor the cast of the 1970s show "Eight is Enough" even reach this bar.

Meanwhile in Italy and Ireland. Nonetheless, this tradition is found, in a positive sense in Ireland and Italy. In Ireland, the seventh son of a seventh son is deemed to have a special power of healing and curing of the sick. In Italy, the tradition is a little more zesty, like a good red sauce! You see in Italy, the seventh son of a seventh son has the power to cast snakes out of the house (with a whistle); he also uses special oil and prayers to protect people from snakes.

A Gad-fly in the Ointment. So what's up with the fact that people ascribe such serious supernatural puissance (mojo) to folks with this connect to the number seven? The number seven, be it a single seven, a double seven, a triple seven (ka-ching at the Dover Downs Casino) or seven sevens, has always had a special and Biblical significance. As relates to the "seventh son" tradition, that origin may find its basis in Scripture. In the Book of Genesis, Jacob (who became Israel) had a seventh son, and he named him "Gad" -- and "Gad" means "good luck." So, perhaps from that, the tradition of the seventh son having a special blessing may have found its origin.

Just Perfect. The importance of the number seven in our faith -- though it is not mystical or magical, but is significant -- goes back to ancient Judaism. The number seven was deemed to be the number of completion of things by God. Hence, God completed creation capped by the Sabbath in seven days; Noah completed his saving of creation by loading seven pairs of every animal on the ark; seven nations were displaced to complete the area known as the Promised Land; seven trumpets were blared by seven priests to complete the fall of Jericho's walls; and the Passover feast was completed in seven day. From these and countless other examples, seven is deemed a number of Divine completion or perfection.

Three Wars and Three Sevens. And ultimate perfection (slot machines aside) is 777. This number, as per the Orthodox Study Bible, reflects the three-fold perfection of the Trinity. So, 777 is the superlative perfection of God! On the other hand, the

most evil thing is falling short of that: numerically speaking, 666. This is the sign of the anti-Christ, the mark of the beast and connected to Satan, who was close to the 777 (God) as an angel of God but lost his grace. He fell short of God on every count (i.e., 7-7-7 to 6-6-6). Hence he lost the threefold war: The war in Heaven to become God (Revelation 12), the war for the soul in purgatory (Wisdom 3:1), and war on Earth, still being fought by the Church militant, in which Christ will conquer (John 16:33; 1 Corinthians 15:57).

Meanwhile, back at number seven. Because of this special association with God, many aspects of our faith are attuned, ascribed, and affixed to the number seven. We are probably familiar with the seven sacraments (Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist, Penance, Matrimony, Holy Orders and Anointing of the Sick), the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit (imparted in Confirmation, they are Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Fortitude, Knowledge, Piety and Fear of the Lord), and the Seven Deadly Sins (lust, gluttony, greed, sloth, wrath, envy and pride). But there are other aspects of things referred to by the number seven in the Church -- maybe not as well known as the one I mentioned, but worth knowing. Let's take a look at a small handful of these many other "sevens" of or related to our faith:

Seven Sorrows of Mary. When Mary presented Jesus in the Temple, Simeon prophesied to her: "Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted, and you yourself a sword will pierce, so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed." The Prophecy from the mouth of Simeon, which expressed a Divine truth, came to completion as Mary experience seven profoundly sorrowful moments in her life, as related to the great love of her Son. These sorrows (or dolors) were: The Prophecy of Simeon, The Flight (fleeing) into Egypt, The Loss of the Child Jesus in the Temple of Jerusalem, Mary's meeting Jesus on the way to his Crucifixion, The Crucifixion of Jesus, Jesus is Taken Down from the Cross (the Descent from the Cross or the Deposition) and The Burial of Jesus. These events in Mary's life with our Lord, are collectively remembered on September 15 on the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows.

Seven Joys of Mary. To cite a related devotion to the Seven Sorrows, there is another lesser known devotion, but one worth taking up, known as the Seven Joys of Mary: The Annunciation, the Na-

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HC & ICC CLERGY

Vy. Rev. James S. Lentini , V. F.	Pastor
Msgr. Daniel McGlynn	Pastor Emeritus
Rev. Mano Salla	Parochial Vicar

HC CLERGY

Mr. Philip Belt	Deacon
Mr. John Harvey	Deacon
Mr. Richard Kosior	Deacon
Mr. Robert McMullen	Deacon
Mr. Vincent Pisano	Deacon

ICC CLERGY

Mr. Sherman Mitchell	Deacon
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LITTLE BOOKS

Immaculate Conception is taking orders for the Little Reflection books for the various liturgical seasons. Cost is \$5.00 for the set. Orders and payment can be taken in the HC or ICC Parish Offices. The order will be placed on October 1 so all who wish to purchase must place their order by September 28.

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

Conflicts can come from jealousy, fatigue, fear, misunderstanding... There are many sources but more important is to search for reconciliation, mercy. We all have our faults. Is there anything you need to ask forgiveness for from your beloved this week?

PARENTING POINTERS

Think of one thing you have learned from your child. Share that thing with your child and let them know how it has made a difference in your life.

SHARE IN THE SPIRIT COLLECTION

Next week's second collection will support the diocesan tuition assistance program. Parishioners throughout the diocese will be asked to help make the dream of Catholic education a reality for struggling Catholic families. To learn more about the Share in the Spirit collection, please consult the September 10th edition of The Dialog or the diocesan website at www.cdow.org/giving/development-share-in-the-spirit.

NATIONAL CATHOLIC YOUTH CONFERENCE (NCYC) -

ATTENTION ALL HIGH SCHOOL TEENS -

This years' NCYC will be done virtually - and a wonderful way for everyone to participate. We exchange our 12 hour bus ride for the comfort of our home and Holy Cross Parish Hall. Each participant is asked to register through the Diocese by October 15. Please visit cdowcym.org/events/detail/ncyc-ablaze1 for more information and to register. We will gather as a group on Saturday, November 20 to conclude our weekend. More details to follow -

READINGS FOR SEPTEMBER 26 26TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING: NUMBERS 11:25-29

If only we all were prophets of the Lord.

SECOND READING: JAMES 5:1-6

Our wealth can hinder us from caring for those in need.

GOSPEL: MARK 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Anyone who is not against us is for us.

ALTAR SERVERS (HC)

We need NEW altar servers. We are offering a training for anyone in Grade 5 and up who would like to become an altar server. This training will be on Saturday, September 25, at 9 am in the church. If interested in serving at Mass, please call the Parish Office to leave your name and phone number so we know you will be attending this new altar server training.

PRAY THE ROSARY (HC)

October is the month of the Rosary. As in the past we will collect names of parishioners who are willing to pray the rosary each day during the month of October. There will be a sign up sheet in the Gathering Space this weekend and next so you can sign up to pray.

Later, on October 16, we will have a Rosary Rally where we can pray together in front of the statue of Mary in our front parking lot. More details on this rally in coming bulletins.

SVDP MEETING (IC)

St. Vincent de Paul meeting will meet from now on in the office building every month on the 2nd Monday of the month at 5 pm.

PARISH PICNIC (IC)

Saturday, September 25, from 2 to 6 pm.
Hot Dogs and Hamburgers provided.
Join us for Music, Hayrides, and Games.
Please bring a covered dish.

PRAYER SHAWL GROUP (IC)

Our meetings will start again. Our first meeting will be on Thursday, September 16 at 11 AM in the ICC parish hall.
Questions? Call Karen Cairns 302-382-9316

ANNUAL APPEAL (HC & IC)

A recent report of the Annual Catholic Appeal campaign activity revealed we have received pledges of \$4,569,050.22 toward the diocesan goal of \$4,871,000. To date, we have raised 93.3% of the goal. Can you help us meet or exceed the goal?

As you know, support of the Appeal means bringing hope to the people of our diocese. Hope comes alive in our parishes and schools, religious education programs, ministry formation, and initiatives to foster justice, peace, and respect. Your support makes all this happen. We ask that if you have not already, please prayerfully consider a gift to the Annual Catholic Appeal. For more information about our Annual Catholic Appeal, please visit: www.cdow.org/annualcatholicappeal

MASS INTENTIONS

SEPTEMBER

20 MONDAY

HC 8:00 am A1C Carl Jerome Ware, Jr.

21 TUESDAY

HC 8:00 am Charles & Helen McLaughlin

22 WEDNESDAY

HC 8:00 am William "Bill" Jacobs

23 THURSDAY

HC 8:00 am Timothy Staniszewski
ICC 6 pm For the People

24 FRIDAY

HC 8:00 am Rev. Thomas McLaughlin

25 SATURDAY

HC 8 am Jim Nolan
HC 5 pm Howard Rowlands

26 SUNDAY

HC 7:30 am David W. Roberr & Marie Cook
ICC 8:30 am Carl & Marlene DeFrancesco
HC 9:30 am Adejoke Osunkoya
ICC 11 am Rosemary Vasquez
HC 11:30 am Jose Marquez Hugo Becerra
ICC 1 pm For the People

(LI = LIVING INTENTION

DM—DECEASED MEMBERS)

CEMETERY NEWS

Cremation or traditional burial? That is the question. While the traditional burial of the body in a casket is still the preference of most, the trend towards cremation seems to be increasing every year. Currently, Holy Cross cemetery is experiencing a 35% cremation rate. Interment either way can be accommodated both in-ground and in the mausoleum or columbarium. An interesting twist for couples is when one wants the traditional burial and the other wants to be cremated. This is accomplished in one of two ways: (1) a single in-ground grave is acquired and both a casket and a cremation urn can be placed in that grave, and (2) a single mausoleum crypt can also accommodate the placement of a casket and a cremation urn. Remember, the important thing is to plan ahead and not leave interment decisions to your surviving spouse or children. Contact Len Dornberger to discuss options further at 302-674-5787 x135.

MASS MINISTERS

A SCHEDULE FOR EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTERS WILL NOT BE PUT OUT AT THIS TIME. PLEASE STEP FORWARD TO ASSIST AT THE MASS YOU ATTEND.

PLEASE ALSO REMEMBER TO LET OTHERS HAVE A CHANCE TO COME FORWARD SO THEY, TOO, HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO ASSIST AT MASS. WE HAVE MANY WHO WANT TO ASSIST BUT NEVER GET THE CHANCE TO STEP FORWARD.

THANKS FOR YOUR COOPERATION.

Lector Schedule for Sept 2021

At Holy Cross:

5 pm Mass

Sept 18 L. Christiansen
Sept 25 J. Killman

7:30 am Mass

Sept 19 J. Davis
Sept 26 R. Pritchett

9:30 am Mass

Sept 19 T. Baurys
Sept 26 M. Sherlock

At Immaculate Conception

8:30 am Mass

Sept 19 D. Smith
Sept 26 T. Thompson

11 am Mass

Sept 19 D. King
Sept 26 L. Schlaupitz

For Holy Cross Ministry schedule: All altar servers, lectors, and extraordinary ministers, please see the note on page 5 of this bulletin so we can get new information from you to create a new regular schedule.

For ICC, please get in touch with Marilyn Dixon at mdixon@iccmaryladel.org if you have any questions about the ministry schedule.

Thank you.

ADORATION CHAPEL (HC)

The Adoration Chapel is open again each day from 5 am to 9 pm. If you would like to take a permanent time slot, it's not too late. We still have many openings on various days. See the openings listed below. Call Joann Pate today at 674-4496 to reserve a time for you and/or your family.

SUNDAY	7 am, 10 am, 12pm, 1 pm, 5 pm, 8 pm
MONDAY	2 pm
TUESDAY	5 am
WEDNESDAY	6 am, 8 am, 12 pm
THURSDAY	4 pm
FRIDAY	7 am, 8 am, 11 am,
SATURDAY	5 am, 8 am, 10 am, 11 am, 12 pm, 2 pm, 3 pm, 6 pm,

DIRECTORIES (HC)

The Parish Directories are in the Parish Office. If you have not picked up your copy yet, please stop by the office to get your copy. It is best to please call ahead of time and we will get your copy and have it ready for you to pick up.

HELP THE PEOPLE OF HAITI

A massive 7.2 magnitude earthquake has hit Haiti, killing nearly 1300 people, with death toll numbers increasing. The shock leveled homes, leaving thousands without shelter. Countless others are injured and hospitals are already overwhelmed. Your gift to Catholic Relief Services (CRS) is critical for the families in Haiti. When you give, you provide immediate assistance for our Haitian sisters and brothers desperate to survive this devastating situation. Your help will deliver immediate relief. Your prayers and support will make so much difference. Please give a vital gift today - visit www.crsrelief.com

CAR SHOW AT ICC

Immaculate Conception will host a car show on its grounds on October 16, 2021 from 10 am to 4 pm. Entry fee is \$10/car.

There will be prizes give out for various categories. Food will be available for purchase.

Music will be provided by "The Godfather of New England Doo-Wop". He will be playing original vinyl recordings from the 50's and early 60's. The same tunes you heard on your radio.

Contact Bill Thompson at 302-492-8005 or Woody Gravenor at 302-779-2168 for more information.

- Caminamos por FE con nuestro obispo William Koenig y sacerdotes de la diócesis en una peregrinación Mariana a la Basílica de la Inmaculada Concepción en Washington D.C. el sábado, 25 de septiembre, 2021 El bus sale de Holy Cross a las 7:00AM. Puede comprar los boletos después de la misa o comuníquese con la Sra. Arline Dosman directora del Ministerio Hispano.
- Por favor de APAGAR o silenciar los celulares y todo aparato electrónico antes de entrar al Templo, que es un lugar sagrado donde se va a tener un encuentro con el Señor nuestro Dios.
- La virgen peregrina ya está visitando casas, si usted desea tener la virgen en su casa por una semana y rezar el santo Rosario con su familia con la imagen de la virgen peregrina anótese con la Sra. Marta Espinosa. Se le entregara a imagen el domingo al final de la misa y usted la devuelve el próximo domingo en la misa para e entregara la siguiente familia.
- Foro Cristino Comienza el viernes 17 de septiembre,2021 a las 6:00 de la tarde el ELC. Volveremos a empezar con Symbolon: Explicación de la fe católica: conocimiento de la fe. Estamos ofreciendo una serie de videos / libros de estudio una vez más. Si está interesado, comuníquese con la Sra Arline Dosman para Inscribirse. El costo es de \$ 25 para el libro del participante Parte 1

EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA (ICC)

Inscripciones para el próximo año escolar 2021-2022: Necesitamos planear para maestros, espacio y libros. Por favor vea a la Sra. Alicia para que le entregue su aplicación para su hijo.

Las clases empiezan el Domingo, 19 de septiembre a las 9:40 a.m. Su niño tiene que estar inscrito para asistir. Si no están inscritos antes del 12 de septiembre, no podrán asistir el primer día de clases.

Sacramentos: Reunión de Padres de familia

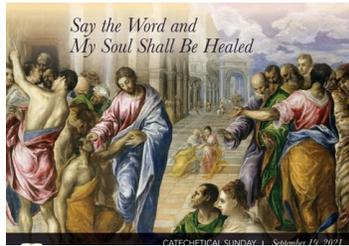
para los que se están preparando para su Primera Reconciliación y Primera Comunión será el domingo, 19 de septiembre a las 2:30 de la tarde en el salón o el martes 21 de septiembre a las 7:00PM Por favor hágale saber a la Sra. Alicia cual va a asistir.

Reunión de Padres de familia para los candidatos que se están preparando para su Confirmación domingo, 26 de septiembre a las 2:30 de la tarde en el salón o el martes 28 de septiembre a las 7:00PM Por favor hágale saber a la Sra. Alicia cual va a asistir.

Se necesitan Catequistas para el nuevo año escolar ! Para el Kinder (el jardín de infancia) y 5to grado. Consulte con la Sra. Poppiti lo antes posible. Si se lo está preguntando, esta puede ser su vocación.

Symbolon: Explicación de la fe católica: conocimiento de la fe. Estamos ofreciendo una serie de videos / libros de estudio una vez más, para 10 sesiones que se extienden a aproximadamente un marco de tiempo de 12 semanas. Si está interesado, comuníquese con Alicia Poppiti para registrarse. El costo es de \$ 25 para la Parte 1 y es necesario registrarse para tener su guía de participante. Presentado en el Salón del ICC los lunes por la noche a partir del 27 de septiembre., "Symbolon: La fe católica explicada es una nueva serie de videos asombrosos que presenta sistemáticamente la imagen GRANDE de la fe católica. Filmado en lugares en Roma, Tierra Santa, Calcuta, y en los estudios del Instituto Augustine Institute en Denver, docenas de maestros conocidos a nivel nacional presentan claramente la belleza y el brillo del catolicismo. Esta convincente serie contiene dos partes que incluyen diez episodios cada una. En la Parte 1, viajamos a través de las enseñanzas centrales de la Iglesia Católica descritas en el Credo y el Catecismo con el objetivo de conocer la Fe. En la Parte 2, nos enfocamos en nuestro encuentro con Dios en los sacramentos y la vida moral para que podamos vivir plenamente la Fe".

Today is Catechetical Sunday- The theme this year is "Say the Word and My Soul Shall Be Healed". Please pray for all our Religious Education Catechists, in thanksgiving for them handing on their faith and being a witness to the gospel for our children. Also pray that they have a very blessed school year.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (HC)

Welcome back to all our Religious Education students!

Regular Class – September 26th at 3:30pm

Children are to be dropped off at the double doors next to the Elementary office.

7th and 8th graders are in the Holy Cross Junior High building.

No one except students and volunteers are allowed to enter either building.

MASKS ARE MANDATORY.

Hall monitors will assist getting children to their classes.

Dismissal from the ramp side will be as follows:

Grades 5, 6, 7, 8 and Sacramental Prep – 5:15pm

Grades K-1 -5:20pm

Grades 2- 5:25pm

Grades 3-4 5:30pm

If you have any questions or concerns do not hesitate to contact Tammy Korosec at either tkorosec@holycrossdover.org or call (302)674-5787 X 122.

Interested in enrolling a student in Religious Education? Please contact Tammy Korosec at either tkorosec@holycrossdover.org or call (302) 674-5787 X 122

LAFF (Living as a Family of Faith Catechesis) Next Class – October 10th 10:30am-12:30pm in the Matthew/Mark Room

Interested in enrolling a student in LAFF, please contact Tammy Korosec at either tkorosec@holycrossdover.org or call (302) 674-5787 X 122

ADULT EDUCATION – Led by Deacon Bob Bishop Robert Barron’s “The Creed” Beginning October 5th on Tuesdays at either 9am or 7pm for a total of six weeks in the Matthew/Mark room of the Holy Cross Parish Office. In this six week series “Bishop Robert Barron guides viewers into the depths of the Nicene Creed, a fourth-century statement of faith that has profoundly influenced Christian spirituality,

theology, and liturgy in both the East and West.” To register for the series, please email Tammy Korosec at tkorosec@holycrossdover.org or call (302) 674-5787 X 122. When emailing, please state whether you are registering for the am or pm class. Please register by September 29th.

Next Confirmation Classes will be September 26 for Sunday class and September 29 for Wednesday class.

CHWC Interest Meeting (HC)

Will take place on Monday, September 27 at 7 pm in the Matthew/Mark room.

Catholic Heart Work Camp is open to those entering 8th grade through first year of college. Please come find out about our week planned for this coming summer.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/SRE (IC)

Registration for this year 2021-22: We need to plan for teachers, space and books. Please see Ms. Alicia to hand in your child’s registrations.

Classes begin on Sunday, September 19th at 9:40am. Your child must be registered to attend. No registration will be taken on the first day of class.

WE NEED YOU: Catechists needed for next year! Needed for Kindergarten, and 5th grade, and assistants. Please inquire with Mrs. Poppiti as soon as possible. If you are wondering, then this may be your calling.

Sacraments:

Parent Meeting for 1st Reconciliation/

Communion Preparation children: On Sunday, September 19th @ 2:30pm in Hall or Tuesday, September 21 @ 7pm in hall. Please let Ms. Alicia know which you are attending. This meeting will go over necessary requirements, registration and schedule for this year.

Parent Meeting for Confirmation Prep Candidates:

On Sunday, September 26 @2:30pm in hall or Tuesday, September 28 @7pm in hall. Please let Ms. Alicia know which you are attending. This meeting will go over necessary requirements, registration, retreats and schedule for this year.

Symbolon: The Catholic Faith Explained-Knowing the Faith

We are offering a video/ study book series once again, for 10 Sessions that extend to approximately a 12-week time frame. If you are interested, please contact Alicia Poppiti to register. The cost is \$25 for Part 1 and registration is necessary in order to have your participant guide. Presented in the Hall at ICC on Monday evenings beginning September 27th.

I was performing the mindless and mundane task of refilling the watering can for what seemed like the eleventh time, listening to a repetitive clank of what sounded to me like horseshoes striking against a metal post. Lost in thought, the sound appeared to be coming from off in the distant. As the watering can overflowed, the cold water wetting my feet brought me back to a greater touch with real time. I walked the can to the side of the house and I noticed my neighbors across the way had a small gathering in their backyard. They were tossing horseshoes and it appeared that one and all were enjoying the beautiful weather day, and each other's company. Standing by watering the vinca, I couldn't help but to notice an apparent theme for the day. All of my neighbor's guests were attired in colors of red, white, and blue. The children and adults alike, red tee-shirts, blue shorts, white blouses or pants. Given the size of the gathering, I couldn't help but to think that it was intentional. It was nice to see them observing Patriot's Day in a manner that sent the message that remembrance is significant.

We are in the week following the twentieth anniversary of the 9/11 attack on the Twin Towers. I wonder how many have already set aside the memories of the nationwide recognition of the events and heroes that occurred on September 11, 2021.

Perhaps you recall some weeks back I relayed the meeting and planning of our schoolwide prayer service where we would commemorate those who lost their lives on the day of the attack. Lots of ideas were exchanged between Mrs. S. Mrs. White and I before the meeting adjourned. Mrs. White and Mrs. S. took on the responsibility of pulling it all together.

It would mark the first time in over a year and a half that our student body would gather in the church as a school community. How fitting that we come together for this purpose.

The service began with two 8th graders processing in the church is silent. The first child carried a lantern with a candle and the second child carried the American flag.

Mrs. Swartzentruber and Mrs. Williams combined efforts in designing poignant, patriotic graphics, the hymns selected were appropriate to the occasion. The words of *Be Not Afraid*, and *You Are Mine* remind us of that in the very worst of times God never leaves us abandoned. There was a litany, I'd like to share with you because it's too beautiful not to.

Speaker: In the rising of the sun and in its going down,
Congregation: WE REMEMBER THEM

Speaker: When we are weary and in need of strength,

Congregation: WE REMEMBER THEM

Speaker: When we are lost and sick of heart,

Congregation: WE REMEMBER THEM

Speaker: When we have joys we yearn to share,

Congregation: WE REMEMBER THEM

Speaker: So long as we live, they too shall live, for they are now a part of us,

Congregation: WE REMEMBER THEM

Speaker: In the blowing of the wind and in the chill of winter,

Congregation: WE REMEMBER THEM

Speaker: In the opening of buds and in the birth or spring,

Congregation: WE REMEMBER THEM

Speaker: In the blueness of the sky and in the warmth of summer,

Congregation: WE REMEMBER THEM

Speaker: In the rustling of leaves and in the beauty of autumn,

Congregation: WE REMEMBER THEM

Speaker: In the beginning of the year and when it ends,

Congregation: WE REMEMBER THEM

The scripture readings bore the messages of love, peace, compassion, forgiveness, and healing. The intercessions and reflections also carried the same messages because we are a school community where those virtues are modeled. One of the ideas mentioned in that initial meeting was to have the book entitled September 12th: We Knew Everything Would be Alright read by one of the teachers; not just because of the valuable and encouraging message therein, but because our congregation included very young children for whom the meaning of our message could be so foreign. In the research and preparation for this service a reading of this book was found online. I include the link for your convenience: Book read and illustrations shown: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KSA4JRPxlyc>

At the conclusion of the story, eighth grader Isabella D. played The Star-Spangled Banner on her trumpet while the 8th graders gathered at the front of the church around the American flag.

When Isabella had played that final note, the eighth graders led the congregation in *God Bless America*.

It was against the backdrop of those beautifully poignant graphics, that the children exited the church, grade level by grade level in respectful silence.

*God bless America, land that I love
 Stand beside her and guide her
 Through the night with the light from above
 From the mountains to the prairies...*

tivity of the Lord, the Adoration of the Magi, the Resurrection of Christ, the Ascension of Christ, Pentecost, and the Coronation of Mary in Heaven.

Seven Sleepers. The Seven Sleepers is a medieval Christian tradition about a group of seven young men (Maximian, Martinian, Dionisius, John, Constantine, Malchus, and Serapion) who were caught up in the persecution of Christians by Emperor Decius around 250 A.D. These seven youths were accused of practicing Christianity (which was a crime at the time in the Roman Empire). The Emperor gave a little bit of time to them to recant their faith; they collectively refused. Instead they sold off their worldly possessions, gave the money to the poor, and high-tailed it to a mountain cave to pray. There they fell asleep. The Emperor, annoyed at their refusal, ordered the mouth of the cave to be sealed. 300 years later, the cave was opened by a farmer who wanted it unsealed to be used as a pen for some of his animals. To his surprise, he found these seven young men inside. They awoke, thinking they had slept for a day. But they were astounded to find that Christianity had become legal, and Churches were everywhere. And immediately, they began praising God.

Seven Holy Founders of the Order of Servites. These founders of the Servite Order (Bonfilii, Alexis, Manettus, Amideus, Hugh, Sostene and Buonagiunta), were all from the Italian city of Florence. They shared a spiritual friendship in which each strengthened the other in faith. One day in 1233, these friends received a vision of Our Blessed Mother Mary -- for whom they had a great devotion. Following this vision, they formed the Servite Order (Order of the Servants of Mary). The Order's *raison d'être* are the sanctification of its members, the preaching of the Gospel, and spreading devotion to Mary (especially to her seven sorrows). These Seven Founders of this order were canonized on January 15 1888 by Pope Leo XIII. The order which includes priests, brothers and nuns, is present in the United States today, primarily in the mid-west.

Seven Deacons. Christ chose 12 Apostles, but did you know that those 12 Apostles, in turn, chose and ordained seven Deacons. It's all in Acts 6:2-6 (in part): *"Brothers, select from among you seven reputable men, filled with the Spirit and wisdom, whom we shall appoint to this task... to prayer and to the ministry of the word." [S]o they chose Stephen... Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicholas of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these men to the apostles who prayed and laid hands on them."* And in our Parishes in Dover and Marydel, we have almost as many: Deacon Philip Belt, Deacon John Harvey, Deacon Richard Kosior, Deacon Robert McMullen, Deacon Sherman Mitchell, and Deacon Vincent Pisano. I thank God for our wonderful Deacons!

Seventh Heaven. What the heck is seventh heaven? Well, it started out in Judaism, where the Talmud teaches that there are seven heavens, each one closer to God, with the seventh heaven being where the throne of God is located. This concept spilled over into Christianity, and had some promoters of the idea in the Middle Ages. But, let me be clear, in the Catholic faith, there is one Heaven - not two, not three, not seven. The conceptualization that heaven was tiered in seven-parts, further developed by Dante in his Divine Comedy, did exist in popular belief and in various forms of Scholastic study, but it has never been confirmed or affirmed by the Church. Thus the expression "seventh heaven" (meaning that place that one is closest to God) is a remnant of that belief.

Seven Churches of Revelation. These seven Churches actually refer to Diocese where the faithful had spread to by the later years of the first century. These Churches are referenced in this grouping because they are all mentioned in the Book of Revelation; they are also all located in what today would be western Turkey. The Churches are Ephesus, Smyrna (not the one in Delaware), Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis, Laodicea, and Philadelphia (the original city of brotherly love, not the one with Citizen's Bank Park). According to Revelation 1:11, 17: The Lord says to St. John, "Write on a scroll what you see and send it to the seven churches: to Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia, and Laodicea".... He touched me with his right hand and said, "Do not be afraid. I am the first and the last." These messages to these Churches took the form of commendations and admonitions (e.g., Smyrna was admonished to be prepared to suffer persecution; Philadelphia was commended for being steadfast in faith, and woe to the laconic Laodicians, they were told that they were lukewarm and insipid).

And yes, there are many other sevens in our faith: Seven Corporal Works of Mercy, Seven Spiritual Works of Mercy, the Seven Seal in Revelation, the Last Seven Words of Christ, the Seven demons driven out of Mary Magdalene, etc. I could on and on but I'll just stop after listing these seven.

Yours in Christ,
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